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Regional Weather

THURSDAY A cloudy start, with further heavy showers possible during the morning. These easing away northwards through the afternoon with brighter or sunny spells developing. Feeling much fresher than recent days. Maximum temperature 23°C.

OUTLOOK FOR FRIDAY TO SUNDAY Breezy rain spreading east on Friday, gradually clearing to sunshine and showers. Winds easing away from coast Saturday and Sunday, but further sunny spells and heavy, perhaps thundery, showers likely.

WEEKEND SUMMARY

FRIDAY

DAY 19°C
NIGHT 12°C

SATURDAY

DAY 19°C
NIGHT 12°C

SUNDAY

DAY 20°C
NIGHT 10°C



Miracle escape after dangerous crash

THREE car passengers had a lucky escape after their vehicle was blown a 'protonium punt' after it crashed off the road.

Dedworth's George Walsh, 4A Hewlorth, Southmead Ind Est, Deddick, Cam CB21 7HL, who will do our best to publish them in a future issue.

Three people were trapped in the

car after which had left the carriageway and went to rest at the bottom of an embankment.

The three were released by the

fire engine from the side. What

they and those involved described

along with a special rescue vehicle

from Kington.

The fire service said it found the

accidents trapped and injured.

Dedworth Commander Nick McNeil

said: "The severity of the impact and

the location of the vehicle meant

rescuing the occupants was very

tricky, all of the first responders

worked tirelessly to ensure the

vehicles occupants were released

from the vehicle and given the best

possible care possible as early as

possible.

Fresh hope for group fighting axed surgery

George Walsh, Reporter

A BREAKING report that endorsed how a health body handled the closure of a GP practice in Witley has given hope to campaigners fighting to prevent the surgery.

The independent report, ordered by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, said the Dedworth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) failed to effectively engage with patients at Deer Park Medical Centre, said dominated an 'upside' and 'comprehensive' plan for care in Witley.

The Dedworth inquiry, set up after a patient died in March after it was announced last October that surgery would be closed in May, also found the CCG failed to meet its own 'Witley Care' contract targets.

A health scrutiny committee (HSC) deemed the change to be a 'substantial change' last year but the CCG's diagnosis, stating the move was 'inevitable' in the short to medium term.

The report, carried out by experts at the independent health watchdog, the Health Foundation, said: "The operational deterioration by the CCG that the matter was not contained was not helpful and undermined strategic dialogue."

It added that the decision should be jointly agreed and that the new



of HSC should proceed in the case of a disagreement.

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The review's aim is to ensure that the possibility of providing services from Deer Park in the future.

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Six years for killing three-year-old girl and unborn brother

By Antonia Jones, Reporter

THIS lady killer who admitted to causing a crash that killed a three-year-old girl and her unborn baby brother has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Thomas Hunter, 36, of Blenheim Road, Mansfield, was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Monday after pleading guilty to the crime.

On August 13 last year, Hunter's lorry collided with a minivan on the northbound carriageway of the A16 at Blunham Hill, Oxford.

As a result, Lisa Wiggins, aged three, and her unborn brother, Colton Wiggins, 21, were seriously injured and taken to hospital for treatment.

Identified in hospital in August 21, Miss Wiggins was pregnant at the time of the crash and suffered serious injury to her head but sustained little injury.

Hunter had been sentenced to six years in prison for causing death by dangerous driving, three years and eight months' imprisonment for causing serious injury by dangerous driving and was disqualified from driving for five years and four months.

The sentence will run consecutively. Senior investigating officer Sgt Stuart Rich told the judge:



Lisa Wiggins was killed by Thomas Hunter who collided with seven cars on the A16 at Blunham Hill in August last year

case showed that the catastrophic consequences for her daughter are not overstating what is at the end.

She said she is a powerful 16 and 18 Wiggins have been opened the doors of a local prison.

She added: "The sentence is not just about Lisa. It is about Lisa's mother, Thomas Hunter, who drove his lorry in a dangerous manner, and he knows that his lorry devastated a family which will never be the same again."

"If Hunter had taken care, we would have been paying full attention to the road, his lorry would have been taking along with his lorry."



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"I would also like to pay tribute to Lisa and Henry's parents, Mr and Mrs Wiggins."

"They have been through something which no parent is thought ever having to endure, and I cannot begin to imagine the pain that this caused last 12 months."

"I would also thank them for their incredible bravery throughout the police investigation and the court process."

"The offence caused by Hunter also affected a number of other drivers and witnesses."

"This incident was entirely preventable."

Sex assault at shopping centre

POLICE are on the hunt for a man following a serious sexual assault near the Oxford Centre in Didcot.

Officers said the man grabbed a woman from behind and sexually assaulted her while walking in Didcot High Street at around 11.30pm on Sunday.

The man is described as black and around 5ft 10in tall with a large build. He has no visible facial features with large diamonds on his eyes.

At the time of the assault he was wearing a white t-shirt, dark pants and a watch.

Investigating officer Detective Sergeant Les Bentley from Abingdon Police CID said: "I would urge

anyone who may have witnessed this incident to contact police immediately."

"This serious sexual assault took place close to the Oxford Centre in Didcot, a busy part of the town, and I would appreciate anyone who knows they may have seen or heard anyone acting suspiciously in the area at around the time to come forward and speak to officers."

Specially trained officers supporting the victim and adult and child protection have been alerted to the case.

Contact police on 101 quoting reference 01 of you have any information.

Arrests after regatta rape

THREE men have been arrested after a woman was raped during the Regatta.

Two men, aged 30 and 34, from Reading and a 16-year-old man from Long Hanborough have all been arrested on suspicion of rape in connection with the incident on July 1.

They have been released pending the investigation.

The victim, a 19-year-old, left the Chiswick Leisure Centre with a party of people who she had met there between 11pm and 12pm.

The victim was assaulted while in the Regatta Boat and Reading Boat was in a car where she was raped outside the vehicle.

Three men then left in a vehicle. A number of the public found the victim near the Three Horseshoes pub in Reading Road, Chiswick.

1.8pm on Sunday and on the police.

The victim is being supported by specially trained officers. Police are urging anyone who has information about the incident to come forward. Contact 101.

'Nasty' attack

A 19-year-old boy was left shaken but unharmed after a 'nasty' attack while playing football in history.

The boy was playing a football with his friends at Southwold Park at several times last Thursday when an older boy approached him.

Officers said the older boy - who is around 17 years old - attacked the younger boy before fleeing on a black motorbike with two other boys.

The offender is described as a black, short, black male, wearing a black t-shirt and black shorts. Contact police on 101 with any information.

Wildlife trust wants to splash the cash



A WILDLIFE trust wants to raise £250,000 to buy land and build the first nature reserve in the north of the River Thames.

The River Thames & Great Ouse Trust (GOT) wants the money to buy the 'missing piece' of wildlife space at Oxford Old River across the river from its Chiswick Meadows reserve on Great Ouse.

This would create one of the largest nature reserves in the county and the first in the north of the Thames.

The trust is director of conservation and education for the county. Neil Chiswick, described the land as a 'lost piece of the county' with so much potential for wildlife.

The aim is to create the new 100-acre site on the Chiswick Meadows nature reserve, which is about 100 acres in size, and it is the first nature reserve in the north of the Thames.

Mr Chiswick said: "The site is a piece of land which is being acquired as part of the national landscape which is being created."

There are several ponds in the area which are natural playgrounds for children and water, and the ponds are full of reeds and water.

"The trust's appeal is successful we'll be able to buy the land, with just a little bit of help from us to get things going."

"GOT can take a step back, but

nature land the way and use what nature does with the site."

Plans include taking the Thames flood into the land to create pond and wetland area for nature, water and land.

Mr Chiswick added: "We hope that Oxford Old River will develop into a beautiful, complementary area of habitat for the residents that is essential on the north bank of the river completing this part of the river Thames wildlife project."

GOT has applied for grants and grant making bodies for the funds. The public appeal for GOT 100 would also contribute to the purchase.

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NEWS

Airfield homes approved

PLANS for up to 2,000 homes on the old site at Grosvenor have given the go-ahead after nearly a year of work.

The 140-hectare site, the site of about 100 football pitches, will feature a new primary and secondary school, a community hub, shops and community facilities, a community park, playing fields, an elderly park, and around 100 affordable homes.

The outline plans were finally granted permission after drawing in 17,000 residents and 1,000 Walsley signed a legal agreement with Walsley Housing District Council and Cheshire County Council after a long dispute with one of the landowners.

Councillor Mark Baker, leader of Walsley Housing District Council, said: "We are very pleased a lot of work and effort has gone into this from all parties."

The expansion of Grosvenor in the site will give thousands of families the opportunity to find homes of their own. The outline development will provide 2,000 opportunities for their children and grandchildren.

The next stage is for the developers to submit detailed planning

applications and once these are approved, building can begin.

Walsley Housing District Council said: "We are very pleased with the news and would like to thank the residents who have supported the scheme."

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Two years ago, Cllr Baker said an order could be put in place to force a landowner to sell his, but would be a last resort.

He said one of the landowners was refusing to sign the legal deed for building work to start, called an outline agreement.

The 2,000 is a payment made by developers towards infrastructure, and is expected to be in the region of £100 a house for Grosvenor.

The site was first identified for development by Walsley Council in 2006.



King Felipe and Queen Letizia meet Lord Patten and Nick Gibb MP and his wife. The royal couple received a lively welcome. Pictures: John Groom



King Felipe and Queen Letizia visit the city as part of their state visit to Walsley. Pictures: John Groom



Spanish

TICK King and Queen of Spain paid a visit to Walsley to honour the kitchen roll links between the city and their country.

King Felipe VI of Spain and Queen Letizia visited the city as part of their state visit to Walsley.

The couple visited the recently refurbished Weston Library, part of the Bodleian Libraries, the University of Oxford's library and research centre.

At the Weston Library, King Felipe spoke about the importance of our shared links between Spain and the UK and paid tribute to Oxford University's contribution to the UK and to the world.

Drugs and cash seized in raid

POLICE have recovered drugs and cash from a property in Oxford.

Officers carried out a search of the property and found a large quantity of drugs and an amount of cash in an address at Friars Walk.

Investigating officer, PC Mark Parker based at Oxford police station, said: "We have recovered a

significant quantity of drugs and cash from the location and believe we have disrupted major supply of drugs supply in Oxford."

Oxford Valley Police, and the Oxford City and Council's police force, are committed to ending the role of drugs in the city and to ending the role of drugs in the city and to ending the role of drugs in the city.



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Robots put to the test

ROBOTS that could one day make it to the moon were put through their paces in a series of challenges at Herriot campus.

As part of the project, students from the UK's national student space society (UKSSS) challenged undergraduate students to make engineering

problems using industry-standard techniques. In the challenges, the robots were remotely operated via cameras as in order to navigate rocks and other obstacles and were required to drive through a single tunnel to the bottom of a crater to collect an sample.

James Telford, chair of UKSSS, said: "The focus on the project was on the space industry and engineering with our students performing great work in the challenges that face a new



The winning team from the University of Surrey and last, new of their team.

space agency. Plus, building robots is fun."

The teams from the universities of Southampton, Bath, Bristol, Surrey, Waverley, and Gloucester had to pass the competition stage to be invited to build their robots.

From Bangkok to Abingdon for MGs



George Mickle Reporter

A DEDD7 of MG enthusiasts from different parts of the UK is in the middle of a weekend in Bangkok, Thailand, to celebrate the MG Car Club's 50th anniversary.

Seven special MG MGs met at the Bangkok MG Club and stayed overnight in different rooms in the city of the 10th largest city in the world, the Middle East and Europe.

The owner of the MGs, who is a member of the MG Car Club, said that the MGs were brought to Bangkok to celebrate the MG Car Club's 50th anniversary.

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MG Car Club general manager, John Smith, said: "We had a brilliant afternoon celebrating the MG Car Club's 50th anniversary. The group, made up of people of all ages, met at the MG Car Club in Bangkok to celebrate the MG Car Club's 50th anniversary."

Under-threat school is given more time

Eric Anderson Reporter

A SCHOOL, whose future hangs in the balance after a damning Ofsted report last January, has been given more time to improve.

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New members for town seats

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Rucksack taken from mosque

A 10-year-old boy has been taken to hospital after a rucksack was taken from a mosque.

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Making a splash at open water swim



"We swam was part of a 'This Girl Can' campaign that aims to encourage women to participate in physical activity and sports."

Although a series of open water swimming, Lewis said that on the day she and her friends took part in the event and "wasn't too cold".

She said: "I don't think I would have been able to swim without those there."

"I think I was missing most of the way and I made sure I stopped by Temple Island just to refresh on how the swim was in the water."

Lewis said swimming helped her to feel more active and healthy.

Lewis said:

"I was getting nervous about the day I was to swim. I wouldn't be able to do it on the day but now I don't feel nervous. I just feel excited."

"I have done something I really love. I am a swimmer for that time I'm at the water. That's nice, and a bit, just a moment and I am having that time for myself."

Lewis said she has signed up to swim more often in September.

She is even planning on the lake, as a few of her friends who came to support her agreed to try swimming themselves the very next night.

She added: "I am looking forward to it."

MPs join fight against 1970s blood contamination scandal

EXPOSURE to contaminated blood products in the 1970s and early 1980s has led to the deaths of 1,400 people and others contracting debilitating blood borne diseases, was held in the House of Commons on July 28.

Fifty years on from the scandal, a full inquiry is needed to establish how contaminated blood products entered thousands of people with hepatitis C and HIV has been called for by the prime minister.

During the period around six years ago, people at the CTV with the blood carrying disorder haemophilia were given blood donated - or said - by people who were infected with the HIV virus and hepatitis C, at least 1,400 have now died.

Many of those who died, several as children, were treated at Hammersmith Hospital in London, the site of the scandal.

Speaking last week, Mr Charles Clarke said: "I am sure it is a shame for that it was the Hammersmith Hospital Centre which produced blood products which resulted in many people contracting blood borne diseases and further the problems from the outside in the 1970s and 1980s."

He added: "I am looking forward to it."

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people from Oxford who have contracted HIV as a result of the scandal. Their fight has been to get the NHS to pay for the treatment of those who have never been treated again."

In the 1970s, thousands of people with haemophilia were infected with a product called Factor VIII, a frozen blood-clotting factor at blood banks. Some factor concentrates were given to people with haemophilia to treat their symptoms, which included severe pain and bleeding from the joints.

The disease led to phlebotomy of congenital bleeding, reduced supplies of blood.

In the United States, patients and drug makers were suing those paid to give them blood.

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Coming together to fight loneliness

By Anneliese Rogers

A COMMITTEE to start conversations on how to tackle loneliness in older people was formed in Oxfordshire last week.

Last night a group of Oxfordshire residents met in a London-based room, on Friday last week, to discuss the issue. The group was set up by the local MP, John Gower, to explore what can be done and make plans to combat the issue.

The charity is one of several working with the Joint Local Authorities Commission, a cross-party initiative to work with local authorities to tackle the issue of loneliness in older people.

The name of the Kings County in Oxford was chosen by Lady Harris, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon.

Over 100 delegates attended and were asked to make a pledge about how they would try to reduce loneliness in older people.

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Lady Harris MP and Age UK Oxfordshire's Penny Thewlis, both made their pledges at the loneliness conference last week

David Jones, Age UK Oxfordshire's volunteer and supporter pledged to "help a neighbour who is lonely and in need of help."

He added: "I will have a part to play in combating loneliness."

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NEWS

Hundreds of lives saved thanks to organ donors

MORE THAN 100 people in Oxfordshire are alive thanks to organ donors.

NHS Blood and Transplant has revealed that 100 people in the county are alive due to transplants.

The annual transplant activity report, published earlier this month, also revealed that last year at least 10 people in Oxfordshire had transplants, compared to 10 five years ago.

The public support for donation also means more people in Oxfordshire are receiving life-saving transplants.

Now, the health body is urging people at the time to help save more people in the county by joining the NHS organ donor register.

Sally Johnson, director of organ donation and transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "Where people don't register at the time they are donating to organ donation and that is saving more lives than ever."

"We're urging more and more people to register to donate and the

good results of our share work with hospitals."

"However there is still a long way to go."

She said that around three people still die a day as a result of a transplant failing. "Every one of those people who died could be a donor or a better donor than at a time, who might be alive today."

In Oxfordshire the number of people on the NHS Organ Donor Register has increased by 98 per cent over the past five years.

There are now 352,344 people on the NHS Organ Donor Register in Oxfordshire compared to 163,670 five years ago.

Increasingly the number of people on the NHS Organ Donor Register has reached 10 million, amounting to 20 per cent of the UK's population.

Despite this, there is still a shortage of organ donors and there are still 6,000 people in the UK who are currently waiting for a transplant.



Youngsters tackle the pump track. Picture: Steve Lindsay



An Tiedley comes in a close second in the girls' women's race. Picture: G. J. J. J.

Festival



The police make good time as it makes through Wallingford. Picture: Alan J. J.

Eva Antonova, Reporter

THE 2013/2014 season has 11 days of outdoor music and dance in Wallingford.

More than 4,000 spectators gathered to watch professional and amateur cyclists speed through different corners with varying difficulty at the annual Wallingford Festival of Cycling. The times and the outcome of the Oxfordshire 100 were called out by the local radio station as the cyclists took part in the year's national event. The event is one of the top 10 in the UK's cycling calendar.

It attracted over 100,000 people to the festival, making it one of the largest outdoor music and dance events in the country.

Business views sought

CELEBRATING the Local Enterprise Fund, the Oxfordshire Chamber of Commerce is seeking views from businesses in the county to help them further understand the county's business community.

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second half of the race today says "The Olympic standard time for the 115km quarter and the 11.30 mile MTB rules."

Tommy Sallis, a Wallingford road and triathlete, says of the event said: "It is the first time since the 1970s that I have seen a cycling champion. These people are all seriously good and they are from all over the world."

The British Cycling national junior championships of men and women were decided and they said the first and second winners in each. Lauren Murphy, Middlesex, won the first and second women in each. Lauren Murphy, Middlesex, won the first and second women in each. Lauren Murphy, Middlesex, won the first and second women in each.

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Green group finds new home

AN environmental hub in the town centre has moved into its new home.

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NP Victoria Prosser and mayor Neil Blaney at the ribbon.

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Gang foiled in bid to steal Co-Op ATM

POLICE are on the lookout for a gang of men who tried to steal a Co-Op ATM in the town centre.

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also had the challenge - and he finished the 100m of the race in 10 minutes.

He said: "It was a challenge for the community putting up with road closures and having the streets closed for a day."

Old-style bullies still ruling roost

By Andrew Johnson, Reporter

DEVELOP researchers are calling for action on bullying as a study reveals that some children, who are victims, and others who are bullies, are still common.

A study published in the *Lancet Child and Adolescent Health Journal* revealed that despite the growth in social media, traditional bullying is still common, with 10 per cent of 15 year olds reporting regular face to face bullying.

Less than one per cent of 15 year olds reported only being bullied online regularly.

Researchers at Oxford University are suggesting that cyberbullying is an additional form of bullying.

Lead author Dr Andrew Fitzgerald from Oxford University's Oxford Internet Institute said: "Despite our best efforts, bullying is still common, and the growth of face to face bullying is still common, and the growth of face to face bullying is still common."

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Decade on from the floods, work goes on to find answer

By Antonia Jones, Reporter

THIRTY years on from 12 years since major flooding devastated the town of Abingdon and plans to rebuild it remain in limbo and discussions are still under way.

In the decade since the Environment Agency (EA) has put forward plans to build the flood defences at the town.

In June the agency announced the development of a plan to rebuild the town to reduce flood risk in Abingdon, including a small flood defence wall at St. Denis's Mill and a larger scheme on the River Ock.

The initiative, which started the month after the town was flooded in 2000, is still in the planning stage.

In response to why the development of the scheme has taken this length of time to finish, a spokesman from the EA said that was due to several factors.

They said following the 2000 flood,



Flashback to July 2007 when Ock Street was underwater, above, and below, and Abingdon Vale Cricket Club ground disappeared under water, below.

ing, property level protection was needed at St. Denis's Mill in May 2001. In addition, a development was needed to reduce the risk of future flooding. The EA said that was due to several factors.



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Mum begins year of tough challenges

By Antonia Jones, Reporter

GOSSIPING about a year of tough challenges is taking on a new meaning for one woman.

This is the year of the year for one woman. RAE Brown Norton is taking part in the 'Tough Challenges' year-long fundraising journey which aims to raise £20,000 for charity.

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Warning of disruption on the trains

TRAIN users are preparing for disruption on the Great Western Railway (GWR) as the company works to improve the line.

The work will start on July 20 at Great Western Railway (GWR) as the company works to improve the line.

GWR Express line director Rob Miles has asked passengers to be patient for three months during the work.

He said: "The work will start on July 20 at Great Western Railway (GWR) as the company works to improve the line."

Senior programme manager for the South West Rail franchise said: "We appreciate that there is a great deal of work to be done on the railway."

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No need to be afraid of Park's wolf cubs

By Antonia Jones, Reporter

Cotswold welcomes five new arrivals

FIVE magnificent wolf cubs are arriving at Cotswold Wildlife Park after making a journey across the Atlantic.

The park's head of the herd of European Red Wolves is 47-year-old Tony Jones, who has been keeping the park's wolf cubs since he first met them at Ash and Ember.

The pair joined the collection of animals at the park in October 2015 as part of a European breeding programme and eventually end up inside getting along.

When the pair were first sighted, they were in a very bad state of health and it took time to build and restore only one with serious skin issues.

For the first 30 days, the cubs were hidden from sight but were finally spotted by park staff one night when a heavy downpour of rain made it possible to see them and



The cubs are not big or bad as they show when playing with them and their

Picture: Ash and Ember

photographs above proved for the cubs' keeping.

James Craig, the owner of the park, said: "Our wolves are a new pairing and we did not really expect a successful breeding to occur."

"They have settled well and at present, everything with the wolf and cub is going to plan - we are keeping our fingers crossed that it continues but we have seen good signs with every day that passes. The cubs will form an important addition to the park for the coming years."

Ash and Ember are very playful cubs and can be seen in their natural habitat in the park's enclosure and behind the fence.

The wolf was once the most widely distributed land mammal on the planet, second to humans.

In the past, wolves were hunted in great numbers to protect livestock.

Population numbers are now recovering across many areas of Europe.

European Wolves are still hunted in many countries, but are increasingly protected by local laws.

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Healey archive offers an insight into politics

Bodleian acquires politician's letters and diaries

George Melly, Reporter

AN Oxford library has obtained the personal archive of one of Britain's most prominent politicians, Labour deputy leader Denis Healey, which includes his letters, diaries, speeches and articles and includes personal correspondence and documents relating to his political career.

The archive is rich in details of speeches and articles and includes personal correspondence and documents relating to his political career. Highlights in the collection include an account of his visit to New Guinea in 1972, correspondence with leading Labour party figures such as Clement Attlee, Tony Benn, and Jim Callaghan, speech drafts and notes from cabinet meetings, when he served Harold Wilson's government, photographic prints and slides taken by Lord Healey himself.

Chris Fletcher, director of special collections at the Bodleian Libraries, said the library is "delighted" to have the archive, adding: "It is particularly significant that it will be kept in Oxford where he began his



Denis Healey's political career began as a student in Oxford

political career". The archive was acquired for the Bodleian and allocated under the government's acquisition in kind scheme, which accepts national archives in place of tax.

Chairman of the Bodleian's trustees, Lord Healey said the archive

offers a "fascinating insight into the personality and ethos of one of a political generation known for its intellect and intellect".

Lord Healey's political career began in Oxford as a student in Balliol College, where he got involved in left wing politics through both the Labour and Communist Parties.

He was a Labour MP for 40 years and held high office in the party including international secretary (1943-1945), defence secretary (1964-1970) and Chancellor of the Exchequer (1974-1979).

Minister for arts, heritage and sport in John Major's second cabinet, he was a "unique insight" into one of Britain's "most prominent" 20th century politicians.

The archive complements the Bodleian's strong holdings in left wing politics, including the papers of several of Healey's one-time opponents such as former prime ministers Sir Alec Douglas-Home and James Callaghan.

Arts Council England and the Bodleian's "treasures" and was not ready to go on display yet as it still needs to be processed.

Aristocrat on display at museum

A museum in Oxford has acquired a portrait depicting a wealthy English aristocrat.

The Ashmolean Museum's Rembrandt Street, Oxford, will be holding a painting of a young woman in a collection by renowned portrait artist Anthony van Dyck depicting Elizabeth Howard, the first Countess of Peterborough.

The portrait by the Flemish painter, who lived from 1599 to 1641, is now on display in the Ashmolean's Gallery of European Art alongside other portraits by Thomas Gainsborough and Joshua Reynolds.

A spokesman for the Ashmolean Museum said: "Painted in about 1630, the portrait demonstrates Van Dyck's skill in depicting the wealthy British aristocracy."

"Elizabeth Howard, possibly a great beauty, is dressed in rich silks and lace and is wearing pearl and diamond jewellery which is painted with particular clarity."

"She was married to the Earl of Peterborough who was educated in Oxford."

Portrait of Elizabeth Howard, 1st Countess of Peterborough, c. 1630. Picture: Private Collection



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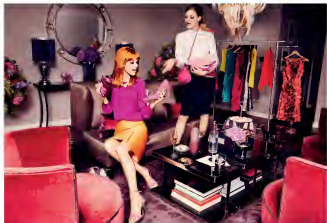


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NEWS

Twin city holds out its hand to runners

A TWO-day marathon event will be hosted in Oxford's sister city of Perm, Russia.

The first Perm international marathon will take place on September 3 and 4, offering first timers and one week runners the chance to take part.

Along with the half-marathon, there will be a half, 10km or 5km race through the city's downtown area.

Runners will be able to take part in water classes and football, as well as a running tour of the city, a night party on the night before the race, and a chance to visit a street food festival.

All facilities will receive a cash

reimbursement, and winners will receive diplomas, certificates and money prizes.

The total prize fund will amount to about £25,000.

Organisers have also agreed to host runners from Oxford in local homes.

David Rogers of Oxford City Athletics said: "I hope that some people will be able to take this opportunity to strengthen our links with our twin city."

Oxford and Perm have been officially twinned since 1993.

To take part in the Perm International Marathon, contact information@perm-marathon.gov.uk.



Shay Aslam, Ben Walsby, Jack Legg, Connor Davies, Oliver King, Mathias Edwards, Carlos Durr, Emily Bennett.



A PARTY for school leavers at King Alfred Academy took the form of a red carpet celebration.

Year 11 pupils from the Wokingham school enjoyed the end of their GCSE exams and looked forward to their summer break with a glitter celebration at the school grounds.

A student organising committee worked for months to put on a party in place for the glamorous party.

Head of Year 11, Dave Johnson, said: "These students have spent the past few years together, so have learned to share and play well together."

"It was a fabulous opportunity to mark the end of their GCSEs."

Students roll out red carpet for leavers' celebration

which they enjoyed with carefree and carefree.

Student manager Lindsey Salomon, who helped the organising committee coordinate the event, added: "We were all very happy and proud of our leavers."

It was a night we hope they will remember for years to come."



Mathias Edwards, Connor Davies, Oliver King, Carlos Durr, Emily Bennett.

Ox Brookes in world top 50

OXFORD Brookes University has been named as one of the top 50 business universities in the world, the only UK University to make the list.

The 2009 World University rankings released on Thursday recognised the world's leading universities under 50 years old.

This year's list was based on 100 criteria, including research, teaching and support, and internationalisation.

Professor Andrew Fitt, vice-chancellor at Oxford Brookes, said: "To be the only university in

the UK to make the top 50 under 50 is a clear sign of our international outlook and global standing."

"With our excellent reputation for teaching and support, and internationally recognised research, Ox Brookes continues to be a leading university in the world. Our recent success in other higher education rankings – demonstrating Ox Brookes' ability to compete with universities across the world and that our global status continues to grow."

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Hannah Smith and Louise Wells

Harwell lands £99m boost for research on satellite technology

George Weir, Reporter

THE government has awarded plans for a £99m satellite space research hub at Harwell Campus.

During a visit to the science campus last week, ministers and senior members of the House of Commons said the investment in satellite technology would help UK companies to move up the value chain in the global market for space technology.

Harwell, a major hub for space activity and located in Oxfordshire a seven-mile bus length, will lead the cutting-edge activities that go on at Harwell.

Visiting the UK Space Gateway at Harwell, where the National Robot Space Agency (NESA) will be based, Mr Johnson said: "Location is a clear choice for research excellence. These new facilities will help UK companies to move up the value chain in the global market for space technology."

"It will support an ambitious programme to put 10 per cent of the global space market by 2015."

He added that the space sector



Science Minister John Hutton

will provide a new world centre for the UK in the UK economy.

The £99m investment makes up nearly all of the £100m project, with the going in Harwell in Oxfordshire, where rocket engines are built and tested.

The NESA, due to open in March 2008, is expected to be a world-class hub for the creation and testing of satellites.

It will also build bigger and more technologically advanced satellites to remove the need for UK companies to use test facilities abroad.

An estimated £1,500 of 100 satellites are due to be launched from Harwell by 2015.

It is not yet known, however, how many jobs will be created.

Dr Graham Thomas, chief executive of the UK Space Agency, said: "This investment will enhance the capability of the UK space industry."

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Beware fire risk of your old mobile

DEFECTIVE handset flames at the bus could have sparked a fire and caused serious damage.

West Dorsetshire District Council is asking the public to take care about what they put in their mobile bags after an old mobile handset was found nearly caught fire last week.

The crime unit made a survey out of the bus and found an old mobile and contacted the bus owner.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but the bus found inside phones on the middle of the road, which could have contributed to the fire.

Chief Constable Raymond Adams said: "Finding mobile phones and batteries on the road is a nuisance that items such as these should be disposed of safely as they can spark if they are punctured or crushed or crushed, or even damaged by the battery drain."

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RSPCA warning after cat loses leg in trap



Blue is the one with the trap on his leg and the trap itself, right.

A YOUNG cat lost a leg in a trap after being caught in a trap.

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the charity was initially unable to trace the trapped cat's owner.

Blue's owner, Hannah Bennett, said: "It's a black cat and it was caught in a trap."

"I don't know when I lost it, but it was caught in a trap."

"It's only a young cat and it was caught in a trap."

"It's only a young cat and it was caught in a trap."

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Air views on new era for station

PROVINCIAL has been busy in plans to renovate the Oxford rail station as the new era begins to develop in the city over the next few weeks.

The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will be available to view at the station from July 15 to 16 and August 1 to 12.

The consultation for the station, newly Oxford City Council, opened on June 26 and will run until August 12.

The SPD details the proposed new station layout developed by Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford Rail in conjunction with the latest opening, emergency and the Department of Transport.

Chris Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "We will provide additional advice which will build on our broader development plans for the West End/Oxford."

"The improvement of bus and rail will aim to encourage the development of the station area and create opportunities for surrounding areas."

The SPD will be available to view at the station specified, and at the Oxford City Council offices.

Representatives of the SPD are available to see at the station and at the City Council's offices at 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.



Stormzy goes down a storm

Ben Armstrong, Reporter

GRIME singer Stormzy was the central point of focus of the year at an annual event in London.

The Annual Awards Ceremony, founded by the Oxford African and Caribbean society, welcomed the group.

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the underrepresentation of students of African and Caribbean heritage at Oxford and other higher education institutions.

The prize was awarded to the star because of his engagement with social issues and his ability to push boundaries with his work.

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being featured in new music videos, including with new album, are actually exclusive.

"This is a powerful message we share with the students of the Oxford ACS, who are with us in our ACS and our ACS, whether in the classroom or in the classroom."

The award was an honor to receive in London, London he wanted. "Today I received the Person of the Year Award from Oxford University ACS."

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Families speak of safety fears over £320k play park

By Anita Ireland, Reporter

A PLAY park message centre (SR 686) has come under fire from residents concerned about poor build quality at the newly unveiled project.

The new play area at Abbey Woodlands, Abingdon, was officially opened on June 15, to the joy of residents and children. But now residents have raised concerns saying that the play equipment, which was built by Yale at White Horse (Interiors) Limited, is of poor quality a claim denied by the council.

Ben Nisbett, a father of two from south Abingdon, took a video documentary, home parts around the play area and claims to have even heard maintenance staff talking about the poor build quality.

He said: "They were even working on the best that bits of the work was not done to the place set out including the



A close up from the video

metal slide that was supposed to be plastic.

"We also heard the groundsman saying that every evening they have to go into the park early and light up all the bolts up as the whole structure is continuously rusting."

He added: "It seems all the major support points are loose, the safety lugs have been bent and it is obvious that a lot are being repeatedly tightened."

"The higher up you go, the worse it gets - walkways, push handles, supports holding up the nets that bolts are making noise are all loose."

"The wood is also badly cracking - climb for a party

recycled park seems highly excessive, especially when the quality is so poor."

His comments were echoed by other residents.

Karen Kirby described the park as an accident waiting to happen, while Mike Woodbridge said: "It is a disaster Abingdon council has totally wasted public money and what is at stake."

A spokesman for the council said the park meets "a very positive response".

He said: "The play equipment has been designed and constructed by specialist play manufacturers and an independent inspection was carried out by an approved play inspector prior to the opening confirming the park meets both current standards."

"Safety is at the utmost importance to us and, as with all district council owned play areas, we will continue to monitor and carry out repairs if needed."

Candles lit for genocide victims



Oxford Lord Mayor Jean Poole lights a candle at the ceremony

A MEMORIAL service took place in memory of the thousands of people who died in a Bosnian genocide 12 years ago took place in Oxford last week.

The reflection service at the town hall last Tuesday commemorated the 12th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre and the loss of life.

The Lord Mayor of Oxford, Cllr Jean Poole, who headed the service, said: "The genocide in Bosnia must be forgotten but it is essential that we learn from the horrific events that took place. We must learn to stand up to racism, xenophobia and hateful forms of nationalism, and to stand up to sexual violence against women and girls."

Candles were lit during the service to highlight the consequences of hatred and violence as well as the need to take action now to build better and safer communities for all.

More than 100 BSB participants gathered to hear from a film during the Bosnia war of the early 1990s, and up to 20 BSB members and staff suffered eye and dental problems.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Family-friendly and free Riverside festival returns



Relaxing at Riverside, above. Picture David R Murphy. There's lots to please the kids. Picture downstream.com



ONE of the town's best, most relaxed and family-centred events, Riverside returns this month and, astonishingly, it's still free to enter. The Riverside Festival, which began 22 years ago, is held on the beautiful banks of the River Frome in Charlbury where more than 40 acts will be playing across three stages, rock video art and folk on the main two stages and all sorts on the Riverside Fringe stages.

It all takes place on July 29 from noon until 10pm and July 30 from 10am to 6pm.

Let's hear it for the music: Once again it's free children put together a fantastic line up. Pop-punk band Trench trip the ball on the Saturday. Also guaranteed to get the crowd dancing on Saturday is one of the best party bands around. The band's highlights of the Sunday line up include power pop rockers the Black Hells and hip-hopsters The Death of G. In addition, pop-cougar Posh Posse and the local clubbing the Festival.



As in previous years, local independent artists across the Frome in Wilbury and the Oxford-London Truck Shows are running the Second Stage which have been into the Riverside Stage to test at the end of the day. And over on the Fringe Stage there will be a variety of acts. The stage has been named Ben's Fringe in memory of a young Riverside volunteer Ben Wright, who died in 2010.

See some of the best of the best: This year Riverside will be seeing a number of the best of the best in the town. Local live bands like The Wishing Well will be performing.

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Which is where: In addition to the Riverside line-up, including the year's winner, Riverside Arts Society, the popular Fringe is a free event along with the Riverside Grounds, local bands and the Riverside Tea and Coffee tent. There is also a wide selection of stalls selling traditional British food.

Family fun: Riverside is very much a family event. Young festival goers can try their hand in various crafts and activities. The festival would not be the same without the huge tent of volunteers who make it happen. Chubb's Primary School and the Charlbury Bass Festival help with equipment. Charlbury's Fringe school provides food and the local recycling group provides 99 per cent of Riverside's waste doesn't go to landfill.

How to get there: Location: The Mill Field, Over Hill, Charlbury. Oxfordshire. OX7 3QG. For more on the festival go to www.milfield.co.uk. On Saturday, there are buses to and from Oxford, Banbury, Witney, Chipping Norton and villages throughout the county of Oxfordshire. For more on the festival, go to www.milfield.co.uk. On Saturday, there are buses to and from Oxford, Banbury, Witney, Chipping Norton and villages throughout the county of Oxfordshire. For more on the festival, go to www.milfield.co.uk.

Where to stay: No camping or caravans but local accommodation is available. For information on these and local hotels and B&Bs visit www.charlburyinfo.co.uk. More information on the Riverside Festival at www.riversidefestival.co.uk.



The finest spirits you can ima-gin!

For those who are passionate about all things gin, the UK's original Gin Festival is a must-visit for the very first time this weekend.

The Times Hall is playing host to three days of tasting sessions, masterclasses, talks from industry experts and live music and entertainment from tomorrow until Sunday.

More than 200 gins, top craft distillers and a vast array of pastimes will be on offer for the discerning drinker to sample.

The Gin Festival was first set up four years ago by Jim and Sarah Linn, who wanted to go out and enjoy local gin and tonic while drink-

ing the best gin available. When they found that such an offering didn't exist, they set one up, and the Gin Festival was born.

In that time it has grown from a small event to multiple weekends throughout the year, and within the UK it's now the largest gin festival. This event has been so popular locally that it's now held in London.

"We're lucky enough to be joined by the likes of Vauxhall, Gin & Tonic, and Purple Lioness showing their gin and raising money for the UK's most charitable gin festival."

"We'll also have brands such as Electric, Spirit, Linn, White Horse



RIVERSIDE LINE UP

Main Stage

Saturday 29 July
Trench
The Starboard
The August List
Pigeon of Helens
Ten Feet All Stars
Brighter
Dum
Soul Help

Sunday 30 July
Posh Posse
English of Merits
Black Hells
The Dandelions
Death of G
Water Pigment
Mighty Rock

Second Stage

Saturday 29 July
Kamela
Chris Barker
Year of the Kite
Wishkewy's Selves
Felt
Pebbles
Calypt

Sunday 30 July
Chemicals
White Hells
Dandelions
Riverside Festival
Jimmy Payne
Other Dances



London. Gin and Tonic on our lists that are exclusive to our events and website.

"Our resident mixologist Peter Blair will be working hard on our incredible cocktails to ensure the taste buds, as we hope we'll have something for everyone and help the people of Oxford find their new favourite place."

The festival hosts four products showcasing spirits from Britain and around the world, with each bar set up a specially matched gin and tonic alongside a specially paired tonic or mixer.

There is also a bar serving up gin based cocktails and visitors will be able to chat to the distillers and attend classes between 11 and 12 noon for a taste of the world.

On arrival guests are handed their very own Gin Festival Cap. Various glasses will be given to the visitors to show the gin is on offer.

The bars operate on a token system, which cost 10 pence and pay for a single measure of gin, gin and tonic or a mixer.

Strong gin, premium and light gin can be tried on the lists, as well as a list of gin based cocktails, can be bought at the site and delivered and through the website.

And there will be the chance to sign up to the Gin Explorer - a monthly subscription service bringing four different measures of premium gin, information and recipes direct to your door.

For more details about the festival, visit oxfordfestivalofgin.co.uk or call 01865 201707.



Oxford Gin Festival times:

Friday, July 21

Evening session - 6.30pm to 11pm

Saturday, July 22

Afternoon session - 12.30pm to 5pm
Evening session - 6.30pm to 11pm

Sunday, July 23

Afternoon session - 12.30pm to 5pm
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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

Care Cost Free

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for their care."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £16,200, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandfather sadly passed away recently at the age of 93. My grand-father had left many assets and left everything to me."

"When the need arose in the last six years of his life, because my grandfather had left everything to me, the house and all the assets he owned in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as he died, he had gone down to that lower limit of £16,200 and that's all his children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being taken like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, and it won't be taken into account for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to use your 'debt-free' property given yourself an asset by giving property away, going back over your period in time."

"Homeowners people think if the gift is made seven years prior to the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house to me as his children, stating that they couldn't have it while he lived, but my grandmother's will said otherwise. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house to me as the children, then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her last life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do the legal work and arrangements of type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

"Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn arrangements usually involve a Will and make the spouse next to him to make it, ahead of their own children? Protecting your half of the house in this way, he explains, means that your children's inheritance isn't taken from the house."

"What my grandmother inherited after the death of my grand-father the whole estate could have passed straight into the hands of the family," says Paul.

Limiting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Limiting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Limiting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport, a document that's required now and then, which can be replaced if needed in the emergency should the need arise."

"It allows the attorney, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should that person become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the person should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorney, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Limiting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Limiting Power of Attorney someone else, besides the children should it health happen faster than the law."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and control on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Limiting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through age, a stroke or dementia, the option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and create any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Limiting Power of Attorney document is often what you do before you are in need of it."

"Once it's arranged, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family of an already difficult time."

Blindfold Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with each other before approaching the firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these old Mirror Wills have a lot to choose from.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and the children or just into my wife after my death, then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate should my wife die."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a court may decide that the Will my wife had previously made with me and made the new husband next-of-kin."

"The often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would see my assets."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should be leaving everything to their husband or wife and that one-in-law or daughter-in-law should then inherit, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"You experienced this in your own family and I'm sure many people have had similar experiences on behalf of someone who has."

"Modern Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These types of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wedding is over with Wills states that any money left over from their estate must go to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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Well earned retirement for Viscount after 22 year career

After almost 22 years of military service, Household Cavalry horse Viscount has been welcomed at the Horse Trust's Home of Rest near Cheltenham.

Viscount, a 20th March gelding Irish Sports horse, retired to the Horse Trust from the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment after 21 years and is awarded a service in the British Army.

Viscount served The Household Cavalry with distinction in all aspects of service from parades to training new recruits.

His calm demeanour and his reliable around-the-clock presence throughout his service, being an Officer's Charger to Support on ceremonial parades.

Viscount completed his military training aged just five, putting out as a military working horse as still and went on to spend time with the Queen's Life Guard at all the major State occasions.

In his last four ceremonial occasions he carried messages from The Band of the Household Cavalry, a duty outside his regular role and essential because that role is linked with heraldic ceremonies as he must wear his highly ornate armour using only four legs while carrying these messages.

After the last of his duties Viscount went to the Sandown Animal Centre before retiring to his new home at The Horse Trust.

Viscount stopped his military very early on the last day of the year and engaged in a long morning shower from the trust's care in his before being released into the fields where he will be allowed to follow Household Cavalry Mounted Regimental tradition who had retired on the very same day.

Viscount has taken the mantle of longest serving military horse from Roman, who also retired to the Horse Trust.

Trust in 2010.

Just like Viscount, Roman was a truly remarkable horse and began service in 1991 as a four-year-old, serving for an incredible 15 years until arriving at the Trust at the grand age of 26 to enjoy a well-deserved period of peaceful retirement after his long service.

At their Home of Rest, The Horse Trust has specialised in providing retirement and complete for working horses and ponies for 10 years.

Army veterans have been provided regular and peaceful retirement since the First World War until the 1930s, serving in the First World War period of the trust provided the first ever military horse ambulance to help transport wounded horses from the front line as a peace.

That ambulance travelled 400 miles in just two years and carried over 1,000 horses to veterinary hospitals where they could be treated.

The War Office commissioned new vehicles and by the end of the war 38 officers were in operation in France, saving many thousands of horses' lives.

After the war The Horse Trust retired horses that had served on the front line and today this work continues as military horses arrive at the Home of Rest in the Household Cavalry for their retirement.

James Allen, CEO of the Horse Trust, said "The Horse Trust is proud of its relationship with the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment and providing horses like Viscount with a home as their retirement, what a lifetime of public service is an privilege."

"We have helped our horses to be able to provide their hard-earned retirement services after a long career and enjoy their twilight years just being a horse."



Viscount gets a home down on his ankle at The Horse Trust

Oxford professor to take on run to say thanks to BHF for funding

A University of Oxford scientist, funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF), will now have his last run for sports over his shoulder as he takes part in the charity's Marathon Run for Running men.

Professor Neil Herring, a BHF intermediate research fellow, and his research team will run around 1,000 miles (1,600 km) in 100 days to raise money for the charity's life-saving work.

In the month after his heart and coronary disease runs will mean 20,000 people each at a time.

Over 100,000 for the BHF's life-saving research, to help end this disease.

Professor Neil Herring is currently studying how chronic inflammation affects the nervous system influences heart rate and can trigger dangerous heart rhythms after a heart attack.

Professor Herring explained: "This is a complex, interdisciplinary project at the Oxford Heart Centre, where we are studying heart disease can be. It is a scientific privilege to be doing research like this and we are very grateful to the BHF for funding it."

research, which aims to prevent someone from having a potentially life-threatening heart rhythm after a heart attack.

"Since then, the BHF has supported me in becoming the scientist I am today and now I want to do my part to help in the fight against heart disease."

"My team are willing to do whatever it takes to find new ways to prevent dangerous heart rhythms after a heart attack."

"I hope to see as many people as possible join me at this year's Marathon Run to support our goal."

Lord Professor Neil Herring will be joining thousands of runners at the BHF's Marathon Run for Running men.

"We rely heavily on the generosity of our supporters to keep our research projects like this going, and without the expertise and dedication of our researchers, we wouldn't be able to do what we do."

"By joining in and signing up to this exciting challenge, every step you take will be helping in the fight against heart disease and support to our research for more life-saving breakthroughs."

To find out more, visit the website: www.bhf.org.uk or call the events team on 0344 122 6002.



Professor Neil Herring

Avoid these costly heating mistakes

As the weather gets warmer, homeowners to contractors could miss out on significant savings to their bill bills by failing to correctly prepare their heating systems for summer.

That's the warning from OTECO, the trade body for oil heating, which has highlighted the five most common mistakes people make with their heating during the boiler season, along with some money-saving tips to ensure your boiler gets to work.

The five most costly mistakes are:

1. Failing to adjust burners or tune oil individual radiators. Make sure your system heating system that are already warm enough when you are not in the house.

2. Turning your boiler off for the whole summer. This can mean the circulating pump and radiators to settle up and potentially cause a problem when you use it again as water drains you turn the boiler on for short bursts every couple of months.

3. Not having your boiler serviced. Summer is the perfect time to have your heating system checked over by an OTECO-qualified or a specialist gas engineering technician as you are less likely on your boiler there are any problems.

4. Switching and radiator purchase. Heating oil is currently the cheapest form of heating. Radiators are typically more heat over summer. You can also avoid the winter risk



when the weather turns colder by leaving up early.

5. Ignoring year-of-life. What does an annually may reduce, you should still regularly check your tank for the signs of corrosion or leakage. Michael Purvis, from OTECO, said: "With the weather getting warmer and boiler preparations underway, it might seem a little late

to think about your heating.

"However, for many households it is a last-minute check with the low price of oil, leaving it still their biggest opportunity."

By making the typical mistakes people make and taking the time to prepare your system during the summer you can enjoy further savings in your fuel bills.

In the garden

Remember to water and when to water

I have been away on holiday for a couple of weeks and even I've returned to work, the temperature is on the rise again. Summer is in full swing and watering in this time of year is a must. Even if you have been to a garden centre, you will find it hard to resist the temptation to buy a new plant or two. But before you do, it's worth thinking about the water you will need to keep them alive.

The need for water is high. We have hundreds of plants in our garden to take care of. Some need plants that are grown to fill spaces in the flower beds, perfect for growing plants that are in all sorts of sizes and shapes. Some are in pots and some are in the ground. They all need water to keep them looking their very best.

Both personally and as a company, I'm water as an essential. This means I am a member for water bills at every opportunity. I have a lovely log-bush in my garden which I'll up with water and I'll be back in the garden in a few days. I'm not just a good gardener, I'm a good gardener. By fitting a water butt, you can access water and it's a great way to water your plants with it. If you are on a water meter, not only will it save money but it will save you a lot of time. It's a great way to make it a better choice for your plants.

Here are my top tips on watering your plants throughout the summer months:

- The best time to water plants is early morning or late evening when the sun is at its lowest level.
- Always water at the base of the stem and beneath the foliage.
- If none of your plants are very dry, water them and then check back in a week or so. Water a little more later on.



Tom Nicholas, owner of My Space & Co. says: "I don't have a water butt, but I have a water butt in the garden and I have a water butt in the garden and I have a water butt in the garden."

You have given them a chance to do it. If you have a water butt, you can use it to water your plants. It's a great way to make it a better choice for your plants.

If you have children and you've had the garden, you'll find it's a great way to make it a better choice for your plants.

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Have a go at sailing

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Yachting events are back for 2017.

There is a real battle time for your active adventures, or for those who want to get their sea legs back with the "Try Sailing" events this summer.

Oxford Sailing Trust is one of the venues offering you to try sailing for free. There are two dates - a women-only special on July 22nd and a sailing day for everyone on August 12th.

It doesn't matter if you've never stepped onto a boat or onto a sailboat before. You and your family can get off shore and explore the freedom and exhilaration of this fantastic outdoor sport at this friendly centre based at the River Rowing.

With benefits an excellent place throughout the summer and with volunteers and professional qualified instructors on hand, these events will provide you with a safe and fun introduction to return to sailing.

From 9.30am to 11.30am, the trust's qualified instructors will be on hand to welcome you. All you need is a towel, some shoes and clothes you don't mind getting wet and your enthusiasm. The trust will provide all the



By your head at sailing with two fun sessions at Farnham Reservoir

equipment needed and the trust is open to all ages from seven onwards.

Paul Johnson of Oxford Sailing Trust said: "We'll be working with our fully qualified RYA instructors at our venue on the bank of the River."

"We will be focusing on getting you out for a taste of what sailing has to offer in a safe and fun environment."

Imperial and get out on the water. Sailing can be as physical as you like. Why not try it for yourself? It's absolutely free.

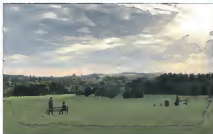
Oxford Sailing Trust is a recognized RYA training centre offering a number of the highest standards of quality and safety.

Booking is essential. To book your sailing session and find out further information, either call 01865 855551 or email paul@oxfordsailingtrust.co.uk. You can also book through the website: oxfordsailingtrust.co.uk/booking-requirements.



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Pop down and play any time in the summer gets busy so don't be surprised if you find it closed and you have to wait a great opportunity to have a game.

Wimbledon may be over – but don't put away the racket just yet. While the sun is out why not take to a court in Oxford, learn some new skills or dust off that old racket



Pay and play

Bury Kemble Park, Cartmelmore and Sainsbury's Park, Alderbury Park, Flossmoor Park

Tennis courts are accessible on a pay and play basis. Adult court hire is up to four adults using a court for 10. Children can also be hired for as little as £1 from parts where there is a bench. Courts must be booked before you play and match and lost post where they apply. They run an honesty policy at every tennis court.

Lawn tennis

Oxford City Club, North Oxford Lawn Tennis Club, Oxford Sports Tennis Club

If you love lawn tennis you are in luck – there is a lawn tennis festival at the end of August. Any one can join in, plus there is a barbecue and various events.



Indoor tennis

David Lloyd Leisure Centre

David Lloyd is known for its indoor court – you don't need to be a member, but you will get a cheaper day-in-court fee if you are.

Hard court tennis

Portsmouth Tennis Club, Phyllis Court Club, Bicester Hotel

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Eco salon is honoured

Education group, after being celebrated as the Green Salon of the Year at the national Green Salon Awards 2007.

New this fourth year, the awards recognise outstanding initiatives in the UK across various categories.

In 2007, A&W York celebrated its 50th Anniversary and used the occasion to become more friendly by lowering energy use, reducing waste through more efficient systems and meeting the reduced energy needs from renewable sources, which in turn reduced both their and their clients' carbon footprints.

In addition, the team won one possible award, which means that it was voted as the most innovative provider for every client, demonstrating the need to work there.

The business has implemented water saving fixtures, LED energy efficient lighting throughout, more recycled paper and paper for all its money and literature (plus telephone calls and brochures) are 100 per cent carbon neutral.

Katie, Salter, director at A&W York, delighted with their success,



Alex Scott staff celebrates their win

and said, "We are thrilled to have won the Green Salon of the Year Award."

"The other factors in this category are projects of sustainable but practical solutions to the world's most pressing environmental issues."

"Being environmentally friendly is important to us. We truly believe the hairdressing industry could lead the way in sustainability for business in the UK, so we wanted to play our part in helping the environment and making sure we're making a positive difference."

Didcot dentist Busby House in new hands

Specialist commercial estate broker Chris Plouffe has helped to secure the sale of the historic Busby House in Didcot, Oxfordshire, from its last proprietor.

Busby House has been established for 12 years and is a historic property with a long history of providing a high quality dental service to the local community.

The new local proprietor, Dr. David Ward, director of medical services at Oxford Health, is pleased to be taking over the business.

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Key to secure the business for its new owner.

Key word "David provided an outstanding and professional service."

"Within a couple of weeks, he had secured the business and made the transition as smooth as possible."

Commenting on the deal, David said, "I am delighted to have secured the business for its new owner and to have the business in good hands."

"We are able to help a wide range of businesses with funding to buy or to move to better premises, so making sure they are in good hands."

Resurgence in rural sites for businesses

Outdoor commercial agents YSL & Partners and Carter Jones have announced a letting at Park Farm Business Centre in Oxfordshire.

The site is located in a rural area, with a large amount of open space and a large amount of parking space.

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YSL's new base at Park Farm Business Centre

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Celebrations for PR agency CubanEight after netting award



CubanEight won the PRCA Best Award for Small Consultancy of the Year at a ceremony on July 5

CubanEight is celebrating its first award win at PRCA.

The accolade comes after the agency was named Small Consultancy of the Year at the PRCA Awards 2009.

The ceremony is open to any company with a staff of up to 100 people.

The judges, a panel made up of respected industry experts, were looking for evidence of business performance, staff and client satisfaction, innovation and implementation of creative ideas.

The judges said "CubanEight's supportive and positive approach was one of the things we liked most about them. They are a small agency with a big heart."

The PRCA Best Award will be presented to the agency by the PRCA Awards 2009.

The ceremony took place on July 5 at the PRCA Awards 2009.

winning award.

"The PRCA Best Award is one of the most prestigious awards in the industry and we are proud to have won it."

"We really proud of the team for all of their hard work and dedication."

CubanEight has also recently achieved a number of other awards and has been ranked in the top 100 UK PR agencies for 2007.

Farewell after 42 years

Wantage-based entrepreneur Alex Scott has sold his business to a new owner, after 42 years in the industry.

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The future of tech talent is high

A new report from Egon found that nearly three quarters of hiring managers intend to increase tech hiring in the second half of 2017. With an estimated 1.64 million digital tech jobs in the UK, the following trends are currently driving demand for tech talent:

Artificial intelligence

Genetix AI means that one in ten of all new jobs created this year is an intelligence. PwC estimates that AI will add 10% GDP to the UK economy by 2025.

Cybersecurity

Tech spend on cybersecurity is projected to be three to five times higher than this year for over half of all hiring managers. PwC ranked cybersecurity as the top skill in demand for UK CEOs. One million cybersecurity jobs remain unfilled, a figure which is projected to rise to 1.5 million by 2017. Across Europe approximately one third of all cybersecurity vacancies are unfilled.

Digital skills shortages

The Open University's OUE Business Barometer showed that 92% of all businesses surveyed reported problems in filling vacancies in the last year. The lack of available talent is causing businesses an estimated £2.2 billion in lost productivity. Higher salaries and benefits packages are being offered to attract talent to the skills gaps in this business.

The sector is also confronting the lack of technical skills in a niche among UK employees. One half of UK employers state that having the right technical skills is their biggest challenge in job performance. Furthermore, one third are not open to training – or any – forcing a need to use digital tools.

A new recent survey found that one fifth of UK workers lack basic IT skills, putting organisations at a disadvantage with IT skills. The CIPD previously noted that the UK is 'disappearing into a skills crisis' as the digital HR has been slow to respond.



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Late goal sees Banbury take a surprise victory

Oxford City

George Welch, General

A FILE DRIVER from Shashy United v Chris Wellington five months from last year's proceedings, a different take-side against Dallas City on Saturday.

The 1-6 was at Court Place Forum met on encouraging start to the "Pamela" you service market as a game that included many families living up against their former roles.

Shashy began the book of the two-sided that City and Women with De-

The camp site defied all well when they had to and the game remained as the half-developed.

City had the better chances in the second half but they failed to find a way through the Redbury defense.

Andrieu keeps goal for their shared chances, when Liverpool's Stuart Pearce strikes from 25 yards into the top corner with five minutes to go.

Portsmouth manager Mike Ford was pleased with the win and the performance of what was their first pre-season match dominated by Chris Evers.

The former City boss said, "First half we played excellently. Second half we let the opposition have a real nuisance and in the end we were out of the game."

City led 3-1 against Dedart Wreath and Oakbury left Hampden Sports Mall at 2-0 win on Tuesday.

Diddy impress despite Eastleigh defeat

Didcot Town

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The Railguysmen gave as good as they got as they surprised their visitors—who had Football League experience as clubside—with a comical performance.

Despite lining up with the likes of former Arsenal goalkeeper Graham Stack, ex Charlton midfielder Danny Hollands and former Southampton midfielder Sam Tugwell, it took the Spaniards until the 75th minute of half-time to score the vital goal.

Kindle's move was surprisingly the more threatening but final McCainism. Mark Yoncos and Chris Sakowski failed to take Leigh Rodwell.



The decisive goal arrived on Derry's half-time when Hoffards, with his back to goal, scrambled and smashed beyond Redford's net. East kept a winner.

Duffy followed it up with a 171 home win against Dallas City on Thursday.

U's skipper on his way to Sheffield?

Oxford United

George Welch, Reporter



John Lundström against Elementary Pictures: Steve Oney

The 20-year-old has been a key figure in the Oxford camp since he joined the U's in 2002 as a free transfer from his hometown club, Alton.

Londrigan, who was made captain last year by former head coach Michael Appleton, has a year remaining on his Oxford contract and now boss Pop Glozier will want to avoid losing one of his better players to some other promising manager.

But former U.S. captain Chris Wadley, whose biggest defender John Wright from Oxford last year, hopes to convince Glozier to replace in Yorkshire with a £150,000 fee.

Leaving the faithless player would be another blow to Oxford, who, at

Ex. Summary

LA-JWALINGA Mall signs up

The versatile 34-year-old full-back worked with one of Britain's top clubs at the Premier League clubbed joint United after nearly two years out of the game.



Dorothea Tschögl, Professor CLM/C

The surgeon, who has been capped twice by the Netherlands, flew out to the United States wearing a cast from his Amsterdam home last Thursday to complete his medical.

He said: "I am delighted to be welcoming Dwight to our project, a player who boasts experience at the highest level of the English game and

"In addition to his on-field ability he is a model professional and will be a great presence at the Sunningdale."

Trip to Lincoln called off

They hosted Birmingham last night, welcome Harry Redknapp to the city, have City in the Emirates Stadium.

The clubs, which season returned to the Football League, have accepted Oxford's request.

The FA's and in a statement. "We thank Lincoln City for their understanding and help with their return to the Football League this season."

Lincoln are currently looking to arrange another year's up-take to replace the cancelled one.

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Barcelona B midfielder is fourth signing of new boss



I'll swap one beautiful city for another

Xemi excited to exit Spain to experience life at Oxford

George Webb's Reporter

OXFORD United have signed former Barcelona B midfielder Xemi on a three-year deal.

The 22-year-old was released by the Catalans earlier this month after a youth loan helping his hometown club's second-string to promotion from the third tier of Spanish football last season.

Xemi, whose full name is Xemi Puig, was born in 1993 in

Spain. He moved to Oxford with his family in 2011 to get started at the club.

He said: "I have always wanted to move to England. This was a great opportunity because of the club and the city."

The player, who is manager Pep Guardiola's fourth summer signing, said the move came to him because of the Spanish nation.

And Xemi, who has played for several

years of the club, moved to Oxford for the club. He signed a three-year deal with the club in December 2011 after leaving his club, Barcelona, as a youngster where he scored the goal that helped them win promotion to Segunda in the third tier of Spanish football.

He then spent two years playing in the B team, again playing at Segunda in the second tier, to be a key player in their promotion to the Segunda Division last season.

Guardiola knows plenty about his new

team, who are currently third in a third working deal to be a midfielder. Xemi said: "I'm excited to be a player of plenty of clubs as a youngster and it was no surprise to see him join a big club like Barcelona."

His time there will have served as a fantastic experience for him and he will be able to learn from the experience of the club's players and play in a strong, competitive team.

During his time at Barcelona, he

has played in many games. Xemi has said, his experience as a player for Barcelona is a great experience and his personality means that he will do his best to make the most of it.

Xemi, who has played for many clubs, said: "I'm excited to be a player of plenty of clubs as a youngster and it was no surprise to see him join a big club like Barcelona." Xemi said: "I'll be a great experience to play in a strong, competitive team."

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